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SUBJECT: NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN AID PROGRAMS IN YEMEN

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1. FOLLOWING SHOULD BE PASSED TO MEMBERS RECENT DEL TO YEMEN

2. NORTH KOREA AID:

A) EQUIPMENT COSTING ABOUT \$400,000 FOR GENERAL WORKSHOP FOR REPAIR OF HEAVY VEHICLES AND MANUFACTURE OF SOME FAST MOVING SPARE PARTS. NORTH KOREAN WILL SUPPLY EXPERTS FOR TWO YEARS TO INSTALL EQUIPMENT, OPERATE IT INITIALLY AND TRAIN YEMENIS TO TAKE IT OVER. YARG HAS AGREED CONSTRUCT BUILDING FOR WORKSHOP, PAY HOUSING AND TRANSPORT FOR EXPERTS, WHICH MIGHT COST TOTAL OF \$250,000.

B) MEDICAL MISSION OF THREE DOCTORS. NO COST AVAILABLE.

C) GIFT OF 15 SMALL TRACTORS. NO COST AVAILABLE BUT THEY DON'T WORK WELL IN ANY CASE.

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D) GIFT OF 2000 TONS OF WHEAT. VALUE TO YEMEN IS SAME AS WORLD MARKET VALUE, THUS ABOUT \$700,000 INCLUDING TRANSPORT. THIS WAS RECENTLY PROMISED BY NORTH KOREANS AND IS ONLY PROJECT NOT UNDERWAY. DELIVERIES ARE EXPECTED SOON HOWEVER. THIS OFFER IS CLEARLY WHAT NORTH KOREANS WERE PREPARED TO ANTE UP TO HOLD YARG VOTE IN UNGA.

3. SOUTH KOREAN AID OFFERED BY OCT 1975 MINISTERIAL LEVEL DEL.

A) LOO SEWING MACHINES AND SOME HELP IN SETTING UP SMALL CLOTHING FACTORY.

B) 7 VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PERIODS OF 3-7 MONTHS DEPENDING ON FIELD. THESE WOULD REQUIRE ENGLISH SPEAKING YEMENIS.

C) PURCHASE OF 50,000 TONS OF ROCK SALT A YEAR FOR THREE YEARS. YARG GETS ABOUT \$400,000 FOR THIS SALE, AND ROKG MUST PAY IN ADDITION FREIGHT COSTS OF \$750,000 OVER AND ABOVE WHAT IT WOULD COST TO SHIP FROM INDIA OR AUSTRALIA. (NATURALLY ROKG COUNTS FREIGHT AS AID BUT YARG DOES NOT--EQUALLY NATURALLY.) DEL ALSO PROMISED YARG TO TRY TO ARRANGE LOWER SHIPPING RATES WITH EMPTY VESSELS RETURNING TO SOUTH KOREA FROM JIDDA, THUS ALLOWING PURCHASE OF UP TO 150,000 TONS OF SALT OUT OF ANNUAL SOUTH KOREAN REQUIREMENT OF 300,000.

D) TECHNICAL MISSION TO STUDY COMMERCIAL JOINT VENTURES IN FIELDS SUCH AS DRY BATTERIES AND FISHING.

4. THUS YEMEN ESTIMATE OF BOX SCORE WOULD APPEAR TO BE ROUGHLY NORTH KOREA \$1.2 MILLION AND SOUTH KOREA \$500,000 AND SOUTH KOREAN AID ALMOST ALL IN FORM OF TRADE.

5. ROK MIN OF EMBASSY LEE IN JIDDA TOLD EMBOFF THAT YARG MINDEVELOPMENT IRYANI HAD TOLD D W KIM IN LAST MEETING THAT MINIMUM SALT PURCHASE WAS 250,000 TONS A YEAR. EMBOFF RAISED THIS POINT WITH IRYANI, WHO HAD EARLIER TOLD HIM 100,000 TO 150,000 TONS.  
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IRYANI DENIED USING 250,000 TON FIGURE, AND SAID 100,000 WAS MINIMUM SALE NEEDED TO PAY COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND LOAN SCHEDULE. SAID 150,000 TONS WOULD PROVIDE SMALL PROFIT, CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL IMPACT.

5. IRYANI ALSO SAID THAT KOREANS APPARENTLY USING \$7.50 A TON AS PURCHASE PRICE--LEE SAID SAME THING--AND THAT WAS HIGH. HE REFUSED TO BE PINNED DOWN BUT THERE IS

OBVIOUSLY GIVE IN BUY PRICE FOR ROK.  
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